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Our Case No.: 9683/180

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kazuo Sugimoto)	
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Serial No.: 10/810,792)	
)	Group Art Unit No.: 2621
Filing Date: March 26, 2004)	
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For VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS,)	
VIDEO ENCODING METHOD,)	
VIDEO ENCODING PROGRAM,)	
VIDEO DECODING APPARATUS,)	
VIDEO DECODING METHOD AND)	
VIDEO DECODING PROGRAM)	

RESPONSE TO NON FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 12, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non Final Office Action of May 12, 2009, please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the following remarks. This response is being timely filed, and therefore no extensions of time are believed to be necessary.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.